

Friends,

December 29, 2014

It's been an honor to represent you these past two years, and I was grateful to be re-elected to a second term, beginning next week!

The final Governor & Council meeting of the 2013-2014 term was held on Dec 23rd, and the big news was our delay of a \$13 million, 5-year contract with Fairpoint (for phone & data services at various state offices & agencies).

During the recent labor dispute between Fairpoint and its workers the past two months, I have heard too many stories of constituents going weeks without phone & internet services – in Stoddard, Canterbury, Boscawen, Gilmanton, and other towns – to approve this contract without some good answers first from Fairpoint about their current service levels and their plans for getting back to normal operations.

I was glad the state agency that negotiated this contract agreed to my request to withdraw the contract from last week's meeting, and pleased that Governor Hassan helped ensure additional time to get answers to these questions. I expect we'll continue to discuss the potential contract(s) in the new year.

The Council did vote to approve 63 items, including:

IN CENTRAL NH: Homeless shelter operation support through the Friend's program and the Salvation Army's McKenna House.

IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH: Replacement of the water system at the Well Hill co-op; extension of deadline for completing conservation easements on the California Brook Natural Area Project through April of 2016; homeless shelter operations support through Southwestern Community Services; eight miles of pavement rehab on NH-12 between Charlestown & Claremont; extension of a deadline for the Frankestown Land Trust; rapid response services for families at risk of immediate homelessness; and purchase of emergency operations equipment for the town Lempster.

IN STRAFFORD CO: Lease renewal with the City of Dover for offices for state Juvenile Probation & Parole officers; homeless shelter operations support; and approval for private residential waterfront work on Great Bay.

STATEWIDE ISSUES: Routine amendment of actuarial rates for state Medicaid and Health Protection Plan population; energy efficiency grant for state buildings; property acquisition for adequate replacement of the state Marine Patrol HQ in Gilford; and two-year renewal of health insurance plan administration for state employees and retirees, saving ~\$3 MM on a \$20mm/year contract.

APPOINTMENTS: Confirmed this week were Mike Vlacich and Joe Marone to the University System Board of Trustees, David Gelinas to the Lottery Commission, Rachel Whitaker to the Site Evaluation Committee, Nick Soggu to the Pre-Engineering Technology Advisory Council, and Dick Anagnost to the Business Finance Authority, and several others (full list below).

Additional detail on all these items is below, as well as a link to full contracts and documentation for each.

The 2015-2016 Executive Council will be sworn in with Governor Hassan on Wednesday, January 8th in Concord. Traditionally there is a brief Council meeting with a few timely/critical items only, followed by a full meeting on Wed, January 14th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at cvanostern@nh.gov or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Happy New Year,

Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

[FULL 12/23 AGENDA](#)

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

[#15](#) Authorized to amend **sole source** contracts with the vendors as detailed in letter dated November 7, 2014, (originally approved by G&C on 3-26-14, item #28 & on 4-9-14, item #43), to provide homeless shelter operations activities to assist homeless individuals through the Emergency Solutions Grant program, by increasing the price by \$174,588.50 from \$349,177 to \$523,765.50, and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015. **60.95% Federal, 39.05% General Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[#C.](#) Authorized to amend a grant agreement with the Town of Alstead, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9-4-13, item #7, in the amount of \$258,000), to allow for completion of the replacement of the water system at the Well Hill Cooperative, by extending the completion date to December 31, 2015 from December 31, 2014. No Additional Funding. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#E.](#) Authorized to amend a grant with Monadnock Conservancy, (originally approved by G&C on 7-10-13, item #20, in the amount of \$20,000), for the California Brook Natural Area Project, by extending the completion date from April 30, 2015 to April 30, 2016. No Additional Funding. **100% Other Funds – Soil Conservation.**

[#15](#) Authorized to amend **sole source** contracts with the vendors as detailed in letter dated November 7, 2014, (originally approved by G&C on 3-26-14, item #28 & on 4-9-14, item #43), to provide homeless shelter operations activities to assist homeless individuals through the Emergency Solutions Grant program, by increasing the price by \$174,588.50 from \$349,177 to \$523,765.50, and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015. **60.95% Federal, 39.05% General Funds.**

[#19](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for 8 miles of pavement rehabilitation on NH 12 between Charlestown and Claremont and the Green Mountain Railroad crossing near the intersection of Bridge Street in Walpole, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,594,211.75. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$159,421.18 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through August 28, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#1](#) Authorized to amend a grant agreement with the Francestown Land Trust Inc., Francestown, NH (originally approved by G&C on 11-6-13, item #92), to provide an Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund grant, by extending the end date to December 30, 2015 from December 30, 2014. No Additional Funding. **100% Aquatic Resource Mitigation Funds.**

[#12](#) Authorized to enter into **sole source** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated November 13, 2014, to provide Rapid Rehousing services to individuals and families at immediate risk of homelessness, and to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing and maximum self-sufficiency through the Federal Continuum of Care program in an amount not to exceed \$190,518. Effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#47](#) Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Lempster, in the amount of \$34,032 for the purchase and installation of a generator, audio-video system, weather station, and other equipment and supplies for the community's Emergency Operations Center. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

[#6A](#) Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** renewal lease with the City of Dover, NH, for office space for the Department's Juvenile Probation and Parole Officers, in the amount of \$116,867.48. Effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2019. **40% Federal, 60% General Funds.**

[#15](#) Authorized to amend **sole source** contracts with the vendors as detailed in letter dated November 7, 2014, (originally approved by G&C on 3-26-14, item #28 & on 4-9-14, item #43), to provide homeless shelter operations activities to assist homeless individuals through the Emergency Solutions Grant program, by increasing the price by \$174,588.50 from \$349,177 to \$523,765.50, and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015. **60.95% Federal, 39.05% General Funds.**

[#42](#) Authorized Nancy M. Bulkley's request to perform work on Great Bay in Durham.

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

[#11](#) Authorized to amend existing individual agreements with the health plans as detailed in letter dated December 8, 2014 (originally approved by G&C on 5-9-12, item #54A), to adjust rates to reflect the actuarially certified rate structure for both the current Medicaid population and the new Health Protection Program population, which decreases the SFY 2015 price by \$99,543,000 from \$752,543,000 to \$653,000,000. Effective January 1, 2015 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through the original end date of June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#24](#) Authorized to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Administrative Services, Concord, NH, to support energy efficiency in state buildings, in the amount of \$20,000. Effective December 23, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds (State Energy Program).**

[#50](#) Authorized the Division of State Police, Bureau of Marine Patrol, to purchase the property, consisting of land, buildings, and fixtures, Gilford, NH from Lakeside Realty LLC,

Glendale Marine LTD, in the amount of \$1,345,000 for the construction of a new Marine Patrol headquarters to maximize operations. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. **73% Capital, 27% Revolving (both Navigational Safety) Funds.** (2) Further Authorized the Division of State Police, Bureau of Marine Patrol, to pay associated closing costs related to the purchase of the property above, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 to Olde Patriot Title Company, bringing the total amount to \$1,348,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. **100% Revolving (Navigational Safety) Funds**

[#63](#) Authorized the Risk Management Unit to amend an existing contract with Anthem Health Plans of NH Inc., d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12-5-12, item #18C), for the administration of the medical benefit provided to state employees and retirees, in the approximate amount of \$406,100, decreasing the total amount of the contract from \$20,526,000 to an amount not to exceed \$20,119,900. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015. (2) Further Authorized the option to extend the existing contract with Anthem, for the administration of the medical benefit provided to state employees and retirees, in an amount not to exceed \$13,250,000, increasing the total from \$20,119,900 to \$33,369,900. **32% General, 18% Federal, 3% Enterprise, 12% Highway, 34% Other, 1% Turnpike Funds.**

Confirmed by the Council:

Appellate Board

Thomas P. Mullins, Peterborough, NH

Athletic Trainers Governing Board

Andrew S. York, Mont Vernon, NH

Business Finance Authority

Dick Anagnost, Bedford, NH

Board of Home Inspectors

Joseph M. Griffin, Goffstown, NH

Commission for Human Rights

Sarah L. Browning, Manchester, NH

Lakes Management Advisory Committee

Mary D. Truell, Meredith, NH

Lottery Commission

David Gelinas, Manchester, NH

Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board

James L. Baird, Claremont, NH

Midwifery Council

Sherry A. Stevens, Meredith, NH

Ports and Harbors Advisory Council

Donald J. Coker, Strafford, NH*

Pre-Engineering Technology Advisory Council

Nick Soggu, Bedford, NH

Respiratory Care Practitioners Governing Board

Sarah L. Stone, Alstead, NH*

Rivers Management Advisory Committee

Kenneth D. Kimball, Jackson, NH

Site Evaluation Committee

Rachel E.D. Whitaker, Dummer, NH

University System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees

Joseph G. Morone, Portsmouth, NH

Michael A. Vlacich, Concord, NH*

Water Well Board

Kelly M. Dobrowolski, Kingston, NH

Steven Garside, Henniker, NH*

Water Council

Deborah L. Hinds, Boscawen, NH*

Fish and Game Commission

Todd Baldwin, Thornton, NH

Barry J. Carr, Milton, NH

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